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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMITMENTS AND POLICIES AGREED UPON IN THE DECLARATION ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION, IN PARTICULAR THE REVITALIZATION OF THE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.13

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. By draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.13, the General Assembly would:

(a) Decide to keep the implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of Developing Countries under political review at its forty-seventh session (operative para. 3);

(b) Also decide, for the purposes of the review, to establish an ad hoc committee of the whole, which should meet for five days at the beginning of September 1992 (operative para. 4);

(c) Request the Secretary-General to provide, in time for the meeting of the ad hoc committee, an analytical report, including his assessment of the steps taken by Governments of developed and developing countries, individually and collectively, as well as by organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, towards implementation of the commitments and policies of the Declaration (operative para. 5).

B. Relationship of the proposed requests to the medium-term plan and proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993

2. The activities requested in the draft resolution fall under programme 11 of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, 1/ "Overall issues and policies, including coordination", and the programme "Overall issues and policies, including coordination", subprogramme 1, "Monitoring of global economic and social issues", of section 11A, Office of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993. 2/

C. Activities by which the proposed requests would be implemented

3. As requested in the draft resolution, the ad hoc committee of the whole would be convened at the beginning of September 1992 for five working days. There would be 48 pages of pre-session documentation, 20 pages of in-session documentation and 24 pages of post-session documentation; simultaneous interpretation in the six official languages of the United Nations would be provided at all of the meetings. It should, however, be noted that, should the ad hoc committee meet at the time proposed in the draft resolution, it would require that an exception be made to the provisions contained in paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 40/243, whereby the Assembly reaffirmed its instructions to all subsidiary organs to complete their reports for the following session of the General Assembly no later than 1 September.

4. To assist the ad hoc committee in its deliberations, an analytical report would be prepared, with an assessment of the steps taken by Governments of developed and developing countries, individually and collectively, as well as by organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, towards implementation of the commitments and policies of the Declaration. It is estimated that the report would be prepared from within the resources already proposed under section 11A of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

D. Modifications required in the proposed programme budget for 1992-1993

5. The activities called for in the draft resolution would require no modifications to the work programme as proposed in section 11A of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

E. Additional requirements at full cost

6. Based on the assumption that the meeting of the ad hoc committee would be held at Headquarters for a duration of five days, the related conference-servicing requirements are estimated at $152,100, broken down as follows:

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(a)	Pre-session documentation	
	(48 pages, 2 documents: ACEFRS)	53 300
(b)	Meeting servicing	
	(Interpretation, 10 meetings: ACEFRS)	50 200
(c)	In-session documentation	
	(20 pages, 1 document: ACEFRS)	22 200
(d)	Post-session documentation	
	(24 pages, 1 document: ACEFRS)	26 400
		152 100

F. Potential for absorption

7. The estimates of conference-servicing costs indicated in paragraph 6 above are based on the assumption that no part of the conference-servicing requirements would be met from within the permanent conference-servicing capacity proposed under section 32 (Conference services) of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 3/ and that additional resources would be required for temporary assistance for meetings. The extent to which the Organization's permanent capacity needs to be supplemented by temporary assistance resources can be determined only in the light of the calendar of conferences for 1992-1993. As indicated, however, in paragraph 32.4 of the proposed programme budget, the 1992-1993 level of resources for temporary assistance for meetings was estimated on the basis of previous experience to accommodate not only meetings that are programmed but also additional meetings. In other words, provision was made in the proposed programme budget not only for meetings known at the time of the budget preparation but also for meetings that would be authorized subsequently, provided that the number and distribution of meetings and conferences in the biennium 1992-1993 were consistent with the pattern of meetings in past years. On that basis, it is estimated that no additional resources would be required under section 32 of the proposed programme budget for the beinnium 1992-1993 for conference servicing of the ad hoc committee of the whole as a result of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.13.

G. Summary

8. Should the General Assembly adopt the draft resolution in A/C.2/46/L.13, no additional resources would be required for sections 11A or 32 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6, vol. I (A/45/6/Rev.1).

2/ Ibid., Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 6, vol. I (A/46/6/Rev.1).

3/ Ibid., vol. II (A/46/6/Rev.1).